

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For:	METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID AND UTILIZATION THEREOF	)	<u>AMENDMENT AND REPSONSE</u> <i>Submitted Via Electronic Filing</i>

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2008, please enter the amendments as shown on the attached pages.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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